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Examiner : Lars A. Olson

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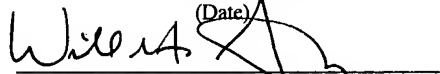
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants do not concede or acquiesce to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicants submit that the claims are patentable based on the combination of elements recited therein and not on any particular feature. Applicants emphasize that for any particular claim only those limitations expressly recited in such claim are relevant to the reasons for its allowability. In addition, to the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of the subject matter of the claims differs from the language of the claims, Applicants do not agree with the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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